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Naval Shipyards near Stalin

1. [redacted] in the Naval Shipyard of Lake Devnya, near Stalin, four small 20 to 25-ton submarines were constructed in 1954 and equipped with diesel electric engines. Each had a crew of four to five men. These vessels were later transferred elsewhere and were no longer observed in the lake. At present four minesweepers are under construction in this shipyard. They have a displacement of approximately 200 tons each and from a distance resemble somewhat the submarines.

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[redacted] the construction of submarines similar to those mentioned above may start shortly. This assumption is based on the fact that a course has started in Stalin for training specialists who will man the small submarines to be used for coastal defense.

Ships Observed in Stalin Harbor

2. For several months now, three Soviet destroyers have been permanently based in the port of Stalin. Since early January 1955, a cruiser has been added to the above naval units. The cruiser is anchored in the middle of the port area, while the destroyers are moored to the quay located abreast of the point where a stream runs into the port. The entire formation frequently leaves port and returns after no more than three days. The crews are given shore passes only once a week.
3. The Soviet ship IMANDRA was observed unloading at Stalin 14 small tanks and 8 jeep-type vehicles, all of which were immediately transported to Sofia. The same ship also unloaded 1,800 boxes of artillery shell casings of unknown type and caliber. These munitions were stored in a harbor depot.

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